

COMMUNITY LIVING INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORTED LIVING (ISL)

This is a non-facility based form of residential habilitation that provides support and training services to an individual in the individual's own residence. Living in an ISL allows individuals with even the most severe disabilities the opportunity for community living.

Individuals may live alone or with their families or may share living arrangements with others. When living arrangements are shared, no more than four individuals with disabilities may reside together and qualify for ISL services.

- Because it is neither group nor facility based, the ISL service model provides individuals maximum involvement in developing and carrying out their own service plans.
- Training and support are provided on-site in the home or in the community, thereby allowing functional skill development to occur in the real life settings where the skills are used.
- The nature, amount and cost of services and supports needed to carry out each plan depend on that individual's needs, abilities, resources and informal support systems. Therefore, ISL services and supports are individually planned and budgeted for each person served.

Emphasis is placed on individuals choosing where they reside, with whom they reside and the type of community activities in which they wish to be involved. The residence must be owned or leased by at least one of the residents or by the family or guardian of one of the residents.

However, no payment is made for services provided, directly or indirectly, by members of the individual's immediate family.

Policies:

The ISL should provide the least restrictive environment possible for the individual.

Services provided to support a person in an ISL should be based on the established individual service plan. ISL budgets should be established with the Division's guidelines regarding budget development. See ISL budget instructions for further details.